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Preamble-

The claims for Hybrid trading system are based on an original application submitted in August 2000. The invention requires integration of two important aspects of trade into the matching Process as noted in claim 1. Firstly, in a continuous double-sided auction the matching can not be completed without prior risk assessment and means of its compensation by immediate fund availability. Secondly, the ability of intermediary (the exchange) to maintain market liquidity necessitates that once a match is made clearing take place instantly. The back- end process of transaction (prior to order confirmation) requires settlement within 24 hours to minimize intermediary's risk. If the final settlement requires actual physical delivery, shipping documents must be exchanged electronically against fund transfer (from Fiduciary to seller). The core of this application is a seamless integration of various disciplines.

Claims as filed-

- 1. A hybrid trading platform for buyers and sellers that will continuously provide a single forum for spot and forward contracts in a continuous double-sided auction style. The system comprising of:
Means of supporting pre-trade including pricing data and technical data on the listed products;
means of creating advanced price and delivery matching engine comprising of user- defined limit order matching and aggregate- based limit order matching ;
means of guaranteed trade by providing cash based performance bond.
means of supporting "post trade" activity including the financial clearing and settlement, cash based. The system further comprises a physical based settlement.**